

STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Coby Shorter, III Deputy Secretary of State State Capitol Room 1E.8 Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Deputy Secretary:

Pursuant to Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code, Governor Greg Abbott has issued the following proclamation:

Ordering a special runoff election to be held in District No. 17 on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, for the purpose of electing a state representative for District No. 17 to serve the remainder of the term of the Honorable Tim Kleinschmidt.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson

Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

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PROCLAMATION

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in the membership of the Texas House of Representatives in District No. 17, which consists of Bastrop, Caldwell, Gonzales, Karnes and Lee counties; and

WHEREAS, the results of the special election held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 have been officially declared; and

WHEREAS, no candidate in the special election received a majority of the votes cast, as required by Section 203.003 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 203.013(e) of the Texas Election Code requires a special runoff election to be held on either a Tuesday or Saturday and not earlier than the 12th or later than the 25th day after the date the special runoff election is ordered;

WHEREAS, Section 3.003(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code requires the special runoff election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, do hereby order a special runoff election to be held in District No. 17 on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, for the purpose of electing a State Representative for District No. 17 to serve the remainder of the term of the Honorable Tim Kleinschmidt.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, February 9, 2015 and shall end on Friday, February 13, 2015, in accordance with Section 85.001 of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order will be mailed immediately to the county judges of all counties contained within House District No. 17, and all appropriate writs shall be issued and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end that said special runoff election may be held to fill the vacancy in District No. 17 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 23rd day of January, 2015.

Governor of Te

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Deputy Secretary of State

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